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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 - 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim 12 further including the step of~~ A method of providing a purchaser of a product with a replica portraying the product including the steps of:

receiving product information relating to a visible feature of the product;

offering to the purchaser of the product an opportunity to purchase a replica of the product, the offering step being performed by a merchant of the product, wherein the merchant of the product receives the product information;

causing the replica including the visible feature to be transferred to the purchaser;

providing a registrar for receiving the product information from the merchant, the registrar using the product information and information relating to an owner of the product to associate the product and the replica with the owner; and

transferring a replica order from the registrar to a replica manufacturer; and

providing a registrar computing device and a replica manufacturer computing device connected to the registrar computing device by a network, the replica order being transferred from the registrar computing device, over the network to the replica manufacturer computing device.

Claims 14 - 44 (cancelled)

Claim 45 (currently amended): ~~The system of claim 37~~ A system for providing a purchaser of a product with a replica portraying the product, including:

a merchant computing device;

a replica manufacturer computing device; and

a network connecting the merchant computing device and the replica manufacturer computing device;

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wherein the merchant computing device is configured to receive product information relating to a visible feature of a product purchased by the purchaser, the received product information being transferred as a replica order over the network to the replica manufacturer computing device, thereby enabling a replica including the visible feature of the product to be transferred to the purchaser.

a registrar computing device connected to the merchant computing device and the replica manufacturer computing device via the network, the product information being transferred from the merchant computing device to the registrar computing device which generates the replica order, wherein the registrar computing device updates registration information in a database associating the product and the replica with an owner of the product.

Claims 46 - 51 (cancelled)

Claim 52 (previously presented): A method of memorializing the purchase of a product, including the steps of:

- obtaining product information relating to visible features of the product;
 - obtaining information relating to the owner of the purchased product;
 - communicating the product information and the owner information to a replica manufacturer using a computing device;
 - causing the creation of a replica portraying a visible feature of the product;
 - causing the creation of a certificate of ownership associating the owner with the replica;
- and
- transferring the replica and the certificate of ownership to the owner.

Non-Function